

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON DIVISION

OLIVIA Y., ET AL PLAINTIFFS

VERSUS CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:04CV251LN

HALEY BARBOUR, as Governor of the
State of Mississippi, et al. DEFENDANTS

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF CHARLES RICKIE FELDER

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1 objective psychologicals to really determine
2 what the child needs, and we're lacking that
3 right now. And mental health has agreed to --
4 mental health -- excuse me. Medicaid pays for
5 the psychological, so that is a -- it's going to
6 take some meetings and discussions with mental
7 health in order for that to happen.

8 Q. But you would agree that the
9 psychological is a useful tool for DFCS to then
10 come to their own assessment of what the needs
11 of the child are in terms of placement?

12 A. I agree that it should be.

13 Q. And ultimately, it's DFCS's role and
14 responsibility to match that job to the best
15 placement available; is that right?

16 A. Not necessarily.

17 Q. Well --

18 A. Youth court judge has ultimate say-so.

19 Q. Okay. But in terms of children in
20 DFCS custody --

21 A. We'd make recommendations to the
22 judge. The judge would have final say.

23 Q. And, ideally, those recommendations
24 were being formed by a trained and qualified
25 professional based on all the available